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HIGHLIGHTS OF BERKELEY'S QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Stake Conference without any representative of the General Authorities from Salt Lake City—that was the situation August 26-27 in the Berkeley Stake. And what was the verdict at the close of the last session? One of the best conferences held.

Music by a unique stake choir led by Nico D. Snel, organ by Mary Burton; the choir from the different wards and made up of those who had attended the chorister-organists' training classes conducted through the stake for the past six weeks by Brother Snel, and arranged by High Counsellor, Lloyd Johnson. These brethern had travelled over 1000 miles and given untold hours to the labor of harmony and song. A photo of the choir failed us.

Heard at the conference were not only the stake presidency but Kirke Decker, new president of the YMMIA of the stake, Helen Murdock, lately in charge of the Girls' Work of the stake; President J. Byron Barton of San Francisco stake; Bishop Reed Keller of Napa; Lee Kenner, new director of the Berkeley LDS Institute of Religion; Gwinn Barrett and Dean Ogden, returned Elders from Central Atlantic and Uruguay, respectively, Theodore Fitt of Rodeo, new member of the High Council; Ira J. Markham of Pittsburg of the High Council; and Geritt De Jong, Jr., professor of Modern Languages and dean of the College of Fine Arts, BYU; and Roi B. Gardner, bishop of Berkeley First Ward.

The evening session presented "The Year Round MIA." Program in dramatic fashion as arranged and adapted by Wanda Hilton; the MIA theme was developed by George Herbert Macey, and a

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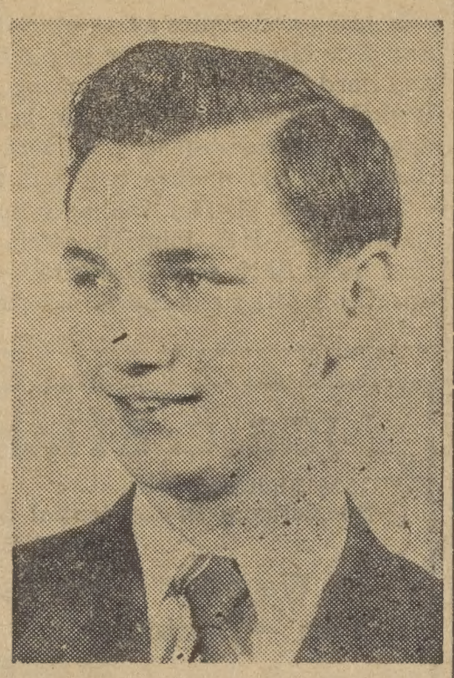
Elder Ella Douglas Harmon



Claremont has done it again! Wonderful Claremont ward gave a big farewell to its ninth missionary September 1 when over 150 people filled the Berkeley chapel to enjoy a most interesting program and to bid god-speed to Elder Douglas Harmon who will enter the Mission Home September 11, prior to his departure for Denmark.

More than a dozen of the relatives of the Harmons came from as far away as Washington state. The good humor of the missonary and his "mom" and "dad," Jess Harmon did much for the enjoyment of the evening. God bless all our missionaries with the deep humility and prayer of the true "fishers of men," and bring them safely home again.

Call For Callas For April Conference

The clarion call has gone out for more and more calla lily blooms for Berkeley Stake's traditional floral contribution to the beautification of the great Salt Lake Tabernacle at the time of the next April General Conference. The pertinent question is, "Will enough saints volunteer to divide their calla bulbs this fall so that the stake presidency may send 500 blooms to Salt Lake City on time, about the first of April, 1951?"

The High Priests' quorum has been charged with the pleasant duty to make a stake survey in September to see how many saints will volunteer to grow callas, and how many will nave bulbs to contribute to others who may have soil available to grow callas but who lack the bulbs to start this fall.

High Priest group leaders in each ward are herewith asked to work with their bishops in gathering the names and addresses for the information mentioned above and to send them to Isaac B. Ball, 1612 Spruce street, Berkeley 9, California, as soon as may be. We must ask for this data early in September, because the bulbs must be separated and planted soon in order for blooms to be of good size and ready by the last of March for early April shipment.

Everyone engaging in this project is advised to send soon to the University of California Agricultural Extension Service, Berkeley, California, for their free publication, "Calla Culture in California."

White calla lillies do best in considerable shade as on the north side of buildings, and have longer stems in such situations. They thrive best in a rich, fairly heavy soil, well supplied with moisture, and fairly well drained. Use only healthy bulbs (called corms or rhizomes); discard any with rotted parts.

Please hand your name and address to your ward's High Priest group leader if you are able to grow callas and tell about how many blooms you think you will furnish, and whether you have any bulbs (rhizomes) to share now with others who may lack them.

Business Notes

Our good friend and member of East Richmond ward, Don L. Kimball of the Kimball Sales and Peek-A-Boo Auto and Trailer Park in El Cerrito, has just opened a new trailer sales lot at 15900 East Fourteenth Street, San Leandro for the distribution of House trailers. His reach will be pretty wide, from El Cerrito to San Leandro, but he is very enthusiastic over his appointment as dealer for the rather famous Pan-American, Universal, and Viking Coaches. We've seen some of them, and they are "homes on wheels."

We've never known Don L. to go into anything by halves. Its the same here. With an experienced trailer salesman, Burl Stutler, in charge, Bro. Kimball has placed a $30,000 stock of those beautiful trailers on this new and large San Leandro lot which is all gravelled, lighted, and bill-boarded for stricking publicity. We hear that terms are up to three years at 6 percent.

Louis A. Schrepel, Dimon ward, general agent American National Insurance company reports manifest interest in his "new type" advertising copy, typified in his "Reflections" now appearing monthly in the Messenger ad columns.

Charlie Mills, our genial sewing machine shop proprietor and Earl and Jennie Caldwell have their business in adjoining stores just north of 42 Street on Telegraph in Oakland. They are still on speaking terms—members of the same ward, Oakland.

By the way, that section down on Telegraph from 41 street to 43 is full of LDS businesses. Smack on the corner of 42nd Street is the "big and busy hive of activity," Houston's furniture, appliance, linoleum house. It is a huge place, and the writer's

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The Last Mile

August 25 was a red letter day for Hayward ward. One of the general authorities of the church, Clifford E. Young, an associate to the Quorum of the Twelve, attended our big meeting to start us on our "last mile" to finish our beautiful ward chapel.

Only $10,000 stands between us and the completion of the structure, its full payment and its dedication. The end of a long and rugged journey, but it will soon be finished. We are indeed on the "last mile" and going down the home stretch.

One of the biggest crowds ever to come to our chapel was present and heard Bro. Clyde Lindsay and his associates tell how we may travel the "last mile" to our goal. They likened it to the pioneers coming into the valley, when those who had arrived went back and helped others over the last mile. Besides Elder Young, we had with us Presidents Norberg and Shaw, and many other good friends throughout the stake.

The large audience started on the "last mile" with a bang and full of zest. Shares were sold to join the club at $1 a share. Stock certificates will be issued to each purchaser of shares, and of course everyone will want to own some shares. Friday night some 4000 shares were bought by those present. The drive for share sales will be open for one month, so don't hesitate.

Each child and every adult will want to own a certificate to add to his or her keepsakes.

Food for Thought

By HENRY F. GORDON
Phoenix, Arizona

"Nevertheless, wheat for man." There is no way the above simple scriptural statement can be twisted, turned or distorted to mean anything other that what it says—"wheat for man." It certainly does not lend itself to various personal interpretations; it is not open to argument. A person has two alternatives in reading this passage—either he believes wheat is for man, or he does not.

It is impossible to say white flour is wheat—or is it? Many of our people eat no wholewheat whatsoever and yet they stoutly maintain they live the entire scripture from which this passage was taken.

But, as a matter of fact, white flour is not wheat. It is a part of the whole wheat berry—but only a part. Its value is principally an energy or calory food. It is almost completely free from vitamins or minerals. It will not in and of itself sustain life. It is in no sense a rounded food.

Wheat, on the other hand, is an exceptionally fine food containing proteins, starches, minerals, vitamins and an excellent roughage—bran. If no other food were available, it would sustain a person in excellent health for an extended period of time. It is, indeed, a food for man; a food unsurpassed.

Time and man are rapidly proving the falsity of the idea that refined white flour can substitute for wheat—man's finest single food.

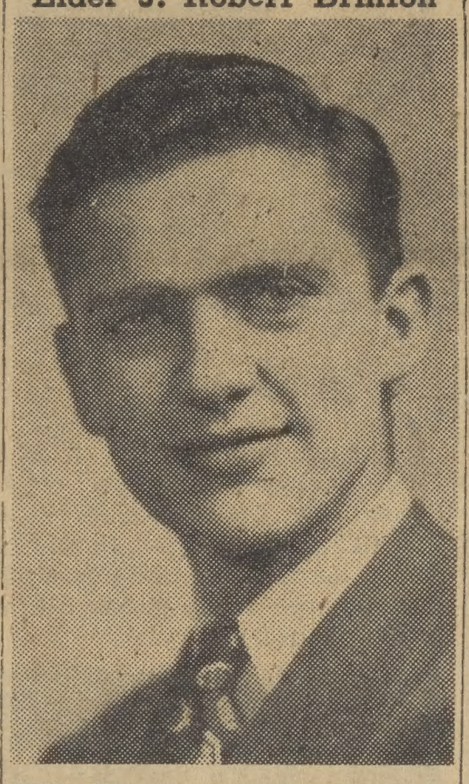
Laura M. Nightwine

Laura Marie Nightwine makes a record for herself and for Napa ward when she departs for her mission to the Eastern States, being the first lady missionary from that ward, we understand.

An excellent farewell party was given in her honor September 1, we learn from President W. Glenn Harmon who that night attended two missionary farewells, Sister Nightwine in Napa and the Douglas Harmon farewells in Berkeley.

The new dean of the University of Utah's College of Medicine is at present in Berkeley with the Division of Biology and Medicine. Atomic Energy Commission on the U. C. campus. He is Dr. John Z. Bowers.

Elder J. Robert Brinton



Elder Brinton, son of ward clerk, Milton Brinton and Edna Brinton of Berkeley's Ward will be honored at a Ferewell Party in the ward chapel Thursday, Sept. 28, 1950. He has been called to the Eastern States Mission.

Utah-Idaho Notes

FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT GEORGE F. RICHARDS.

The funeral of the late president of the quorum of Twelve was held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle August 11, 1950. At age 89 Elder Richards left 13 living children.

Stratford ward chapel, 15th street, Salt Lake City, burned Saturday evening, August 25, 1950, at an estimated damage of from $75,000 to $100,000. It is said that the fire began in a shed near the chapel where newspapers had been stored; children were seen running from this shed just before the fire was discovered.

Geneva Steel, near Provo, announce plans for great expansion for producing 100,000 tons of hot rolled steel annually for defense and civilian use. We heard that the Columbia steel at Pittsburg, California, is also to greatly expand.

A missionary from Provo, L. Berk Washburn, was drowned while on his mission. He was swimming in a canal at the time.

Frank Evans, secretary for finance for the First Presidency, died August 21, highly honored. He was a brilliant attorney, former mission president, a capable, humble, retiring man of great power and influence.

Utah is often the host to national conventions. Lately came the Nat. Ram Sale; and then the American Mining Congress.

Monticello, in the extreme southeastern part of Utah, boasts a huge uranium mill for milling its rich ore bodies.

Elder Joseph F. Merrill, of the Twelve, recently observed his 82nd birthday.

One of the world's really great artists in silversmith work is a full blooded Navajo operating for the most part of the resorts on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, but traveling to World's Fair's and such things for demonstration and exhibits.

Wild horses still may be hunted and tamed in some parts of desert Utah. One place is in Tooele county.

Oak. Stake News

By MILDRED FONTANA

CLIFFORD YOUNG IN HAYWARD

Clifford E. Young, assistant to the Twelve, attended a special meeting held in Hayward August 25. Purpose: To confer on finances for the completion of the new Hayward chapel now almost ready for full occupation and dedication. A final, unique drive for funds is now under way.

Angus Norberg and family spent their vacation this year at Lake Tahoe.

A TWO-STAKE LUNCHEON

Oakland stake Primary board was hostess to the Berkeley stake board during their joint convention August 18. At the luncheon were Pres. Delbert F. Wright and two representatives from the General Board, Sisters Boyle and Richards.

MISSIONARIES LEAVE FOR THEIR LABORS

These missionaries are leaving soon for their fields of labor: Carmen Stevens, Jerry Crandall and Eugene Muir.

Pres. Vinal Mauss of the Japanese Mission sends very good reports for that mission, and the faithful work being done by the missionaries there. His daughter, Margaret, (Peg to us Oaklanders) has been called to labor as a full-time missionary in Japan.

WELFARE WORK THRIVES

Our stake welfare budget is almost completed. All corn, tomatoes and beans that were canned came from our own stake welfare farm. Pears and apples are yet to be canned. Local groups have used the cannery beans, corn, peaches, pears and turkeys.

STAKE WELFARE FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR

Prepare for the big stake wel-

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Liahonas Club

Four thousand dollars in cash and work was pledged at one meeting of the Liahona Club towards the erection of the Liahona Lodge at the club campsite on the Stanislaus River in the igh Sierras.

This in brief is the news of the last meeting of the club at its regular monthly dinner-discussion session held the usual fourth Monday night of the month, August 28, the Colonial Cafeteria balcony dining hall. Scotch songs sung in costume to piano accompaniment followed delicious food enjoyment. Then the business of the evening, A. D. Ericksen presiding.

Sam Scott gave one of his combination "pep" and information talks regarding the size, general layout of the site, and displayed an architectural sketch of the 15½ acres as it lies in the angle formed by Clark's Fork of the Stanislaus and Arnot Creek, a tributary to Clark's Fork. The land is gently sloping, with about three acres already a natural clearing for baseball and other games, the soil

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Berkeley Ward, Stake Softball Champs

(Photo by and copies available from Ed A. Pyle, 1479 Solano, Albany) In the play-offs Berkeley bested San Francisco stake but went down before a strong Oakland team, on a very tight score. Shown in the picture are, left to right, front row: Reed Chase, 3rd base; Jack Evans, manager; Ted Baer, catcher, and George Sorensen, pitcher. Second row: Dick Hales, left field; Denton May, center field; Floyd Pickett, short stop, and Harold Glenn, first base. Back row: Arden Bodell, second base and Cornell Jarman, right field. (Sorry, Cornell, but you were really very much awake in the game. Why so modest in the picture?)

Oakland Ward, Stake Softball Champs

(Photo by and copies available from Ed A. Pyle, 1479 Solano, Albany) In the play-offs Oakland came through with wins over both Berkeley and San Francisco, but was bowled over by the phenomenal pitching by Homestead ward team from Sacramento stake. This game was not even close, but none of the other teams could have done better against a murderous, swift and tricky ball. Shown in the picture are, left to right, front row: Peter W. Easton, manager and second base; Wilford Easton, catch; Fred Olsen, pitch. Second row: Ernest Adams, short stop and second base; Henry Behman, first base; Dick Hatfield, third base and first base; Fred Lundberg, center field; Dave McLelland, short stop. Back row: Dan Fernston, out field; Kenneth Moses, outfield; Donald Cockran, outfield; Eugene Nickolotte, third base; Val Moore, outfield and Syd Henry, outfield.

Homestead Ward, Sacramento Stake and Regional Softball Champs

(Photo by and copies available from Ed A. Pyle, 1479 Solano, Albany) Here is the team that came down with one of the swiftest pitchers ever seen in softball by our east bay players. But when they went to Salt Lake they lost to Garfield team the first game they played. We would like to have seen that game, for Homestead was a hard aggregation, tho perhaps their pitcher was the only really outstanding man on the team, tho all were excellent. Shown in the picture are, left to right, front row: Ray Altop, catch; Alvin Pilholm, pitcher; Marilon Barnes, first base. Second row: Fred Singly, short stop; Lester Altop, second base; Jack McKusick, left field; Tom Tingey, catch. Back row: Rich Anderson, third base; Dayle Pulsipher, center field; Eary Gibby, third base; Tom Davis, right field; and Brother McRae, shortstop.

Sunset Ward, S. F. Stake, Softball Champs

(Photo by and copies available from Ed A. Pyle, 1479 Solano, Albany) San Francisco came over to play in the regional finals with a clean and hard hitting group of young men. In the consolation games with Berkeley stake team from Berkeley ward, the San Franciscans went down again to defeat, but were good sports all the way through. Shown in the picture are, left to right, front row: W. Wilkinson, catch, and J. Griffin, manager and catch. Second row: W. G. Tolley, second base; J. R. Johnson, catch; E. Costa, third base and W. Barton, first base. Back row: K. Griffin, shortstop; A. Bozzo, centerfield; R. Spratling, left field and K. Petersen, right field.

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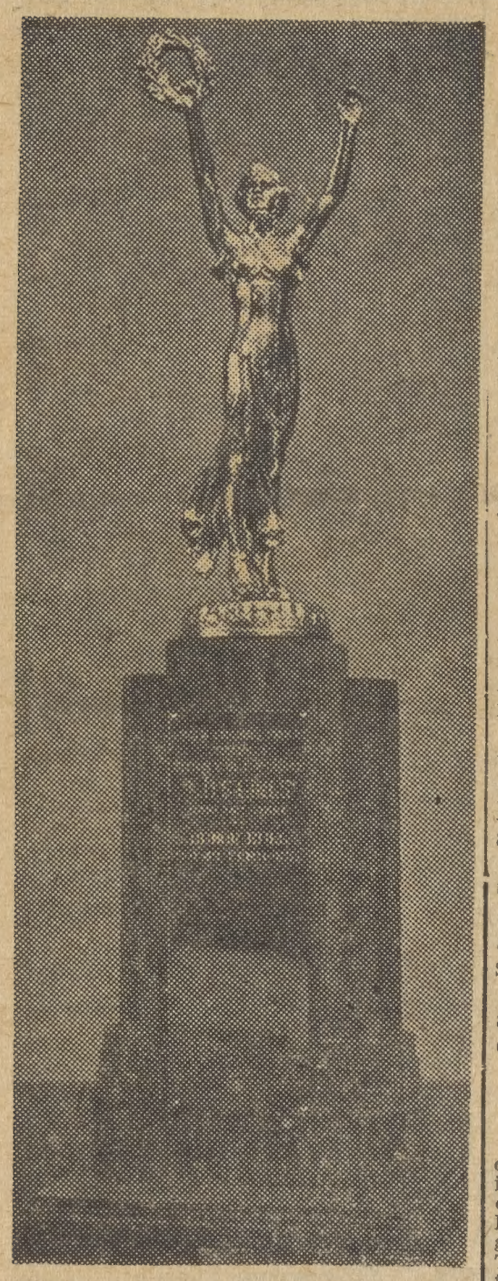

LDS Girls' Victory Trophy

This beautiful Victory Trophy belongs to the LDS Girls' Committee as it has existed in Oakland stake under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Hilton. This elegant trophy has been awarded annually to the winning ward based on LDS girls' activities within that particular ward.

The "Award Night", together with the continuous efforts achieve merits sufficient to win the Victory Trophy, have been distinct powers towards Gospel standards upon which the winning is predicated.

Claremont Ward

GRACE MILLWARD

A missionary testimonial was held for Douglas Harmon September 1, 1950, in the Berkeley chapel. Doug, as you all know, is going to Denmark to make new friends and new members for our church. What a handsome missionary he will be and with his personality he can't miss being a huge success. Smooth sailing to you Doug—our hearts go with you. Claremont is proud of its traveling missionaries.

Send your children to Primary. We have a fine staff of officers and teachers in this organization but they need the cooperation of the parents in getting the children out to the meetings. The first week in August the Primary had charge of the Sunday night services and they fully demonstrated their ability to teach our children the fundamental principles of our Church. Florence Millward is president of the Primary with Aneta Hancock as counselor and Lilly Blackburn, secretary.

The newest addition to the Sunday School supertendency is Ralph Angerbauer who fills the vacancy left by Stanly Cardwell. Brother Cardwell has asked for a leave of absence until his health improves. He has our fervent prayers for his welfare.

Harry Dees recenty resigned from the Sunday School because of his leaving our ward. Harry has accepted a teaching fellowship at the University of Utah. Our thanks to you, Mr. and Mrs. Dees, for the good help you have given to our membership.

The surprise marriage of Miss Roslyn Millward to Walter Scott of Berkeley, was recently announced. Relatives and friends of the happy couple enjoyed an afternoon tea on Sunday, August 27, 1950 in her behalf. Roslyn, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Millward, has been Ward Organist for several years. We appreciate your good work, Roslyn; do come back to Claremont often.

Del Mar Young recently affiliated himself with the Le Roi Gardner Real Estate firm and will be glad to take care of any of your needs along this line.

Gladys Hayashi is in Salt Lake City at the present time spending her vacation with friends and relatives. Gladys is the secretary of the YLMIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Ahlborn were called to Salt Lake City because of the death of Mrs. Ahlborn's brother. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ahlborn and family at this time of sorrow.

Joint Stake MIA Convention

The MIA Convention for Oakland and Berkeley stakes, was one of the most inspirational gatherings overjoyed. A large attendance showed their great interest.

Especially fine were the talks by the President of the General Board, Mrs. Bertha Reeder. Present also were Ethel B. Callis, (drama); Nonnie Sorensen, dance; Elvis B. Terry, music; Adolphus P. Warnick, speech; and Harrold S. Alvord, recreation, all from the general board, and experts in their lines.

The 1950 theme comes from Alma in the Book of Mormon: "Learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God." The Book of Alma is the assigned reading for the MIA for this year.

The new year-round program was stressed. We do not wish to be like the country church in a Protestant community which had an attractive sign that read, "Come one, come all; be happy in God's Church." But later these other words were to be seen diagonally across the large sign, sign, "Closed for the Summer."

An officers' banquet was given at the Berkeley YMCA recreation center just before the convention.

Berkeley Ward

Berkeley First Ward owes a debt of gratitude to the fine athletes on its baseball team. They are stake champs. In spite of their loss to Oakland ward, Berkeley played a fine game, and we are proud of them. To the following members we want to say thank you: George Sorensen, Denton May, Hal Glenn, Arden Bodell, Floyd Pickett, Reed Chase, Ted Baer, Sr., Bob Johnston, Herb Hill, Carl Johnson Cornell Jarman and Dick Hales. Jack Evans was the efficient manager. See their photos in this issue of The Messenger.

On Friday, August 18, members of the ward enjoyed a group canning project at the welfare center and on Wednesday, August 16, they took part in an evening of participation canning. The Bishopric encourages anyone who might be interested in joining in canning activities to get in touch with them at any time so that arrangements may be made for additional sessions.

Friday, August 18, also marked the wedding reception of Charles ill and Bonnie Perkins. Both Charlie and Bonnie were students at Cal and active in Institute groups.

A surprise note was added to a shower given on August 16 in honor of Martha Leigh Mayhew. Guests at the shower were informed that Martha Leigh's brother, Wayne, and Joan Williaims were to be married on September 15 instead of next year as originally announced.

Friends of Jasper Hogeweide recently baptized a member of the Church, will be sorry to see him leave this area and take his new position with the Philco company back east. Jasper left on Tuesday, August 15, and will assume an important position as a radio expert with this company

Although the MIA has been holding meetings each Tuesday of the week throughout summer months, members of both first and second wards are urged to keep the date of September 5 in mind. At that time the new officers and teachers will be officially presented and the fall program will be started for all classes. A fine year in Mutual is promised by the officers if they are aided by the same wonderful support given them by the members during this past year.

It has been brought to our attention that many new members are moving into the ward without proper recognition on the part of the older members. It is impossible to list the names of all new members in this article, but it is possible to extend to them a sincere and hearty welcome to the ward, and we hope they will find their years in the ward profitable and happy ones.

Hearing Aids Available

Perhaps the first among our people to announce special training in Audiometric Science including the technique of prescribing and fitting instruments is Gunnar Larsen, D. C., whose card has regularly appeared in the Messenger, and whose offices are on Solano avenue, Albany.

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Richmond Ward

NORMA PASSEY

This year we are going to have a very successful Mutual. The officers and teachers have been chosen and I am sure they are very capable. The officers for YWMIA are: President, Adreinne Failes; Elva Chantrill, manual counselor; Jene Passey, activity counselor; Norma Passey, secretary.

YMMIA officers are: H. Clark Failes, superintendent; Virgil Young, manual counselor; Willice Groves, activity counselor and Kay Labrum, secretary.

Our Mutual will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Come one, come all, and join in the fun.

Starting September 3, 1950, the Richmond ward will have the early time for Sunday school and sacrament meeting.

The opening party for the MIA was held August 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the ward. It was a bard dance with aprons and overalls the favorite attire. All attending had a wonderful time.

On August 6, 1950, the Primary gave the Sunday evening program. All parts were taken by the Primary officers and teachers while Mrs. Borkman conducted. The theme as they presented it was the teaching and guidance of our young people as by example. It was indeed well presented.

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Highlights of the Berkeley Conference

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closing talk by Dr. Gerrit de Jong, capped the great day.

PROPOSED NEW STAKE TABERNACLE

President Wayne E. Mayhew informed us that there is now $34,000 to the credit of the stake tabernacle fund; that the stake owns a seven-acre tract at the upper Arlington venue, of which three acres will be retained, and four acres sold for home sites; that thus the stake will eventually have its site at no cost; that, counting the general Church share of the tabernacle cost, and counting $100,000 coming from Berkeley Second ward for the ward chapel on the site, the stake has only about $36,000 to raise in order to build the joint stake tabernacle and Berkeley Second ward chapel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BERKELEY STAKE CONFERENCE.

Church Built on Individual Testimonies; Be Ye Doers of the Word!

President W. Glenn Harmon, in two of his best, well-prepared sermons, declared that the time is coming, as Joseph Smith predicted, that "no man shall have peace except in the stakes of Zion." President John Taylor declared that as long as we keep the Commandments we need fear no evil, for God will protect us even thou our mortal life be taken. We need to fear for the luke-warm among us. Elder Harmon said we do not believe, as a Berkeley minister recently preached, in the "do nothing" religions, for our Gospel is a "do" religion, since each will receive according to his works, altho all this has been made possible through the grace of God and the atonement of Jesus Christ.

NEED INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT PRIMARY.

President Wayne E. Mayhew told the audience that while the Primary-age census of the stake is 1044, yet the Primary rolls show only 555 names of which 119 are non-Mormon children. The Primary is doing a great work, and merits full parental cooperation. Besides the weekly meetings the Primary conducts a class for children held the night of the monthly baptism service; conducts an annual fathers' and son's outing, and a mothers' and daughters' banquet.

PRESIDENT BARTON OF SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

J. Byron Barton has had three sons fill honorable missions, and is now chairman of the Welfare Region for this area. He told one of the most inspirational stories one can hear, depicting how he had laid out his plans for self-improvement and a minor amount of church activity, since he had just then come from a mission spent for the Church. But the impression came that he was going to be called to do something in the Branch. This he somewhat resented at the time and left the meeting with an adverse spirit. At the aftrnoon session the voice again came that he was going to be asked to do something in the Branch. This time he responded "Why not?" and sure enough, at the close of the meeting, the president asked him to teach the Gospel Doctrine class. As it turned out, he still was able to persue his studies in law, do his daily work, care for his family, and pass a stiff bar examination, and receive a letter from the dean of the school commending him on his work.

KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING MUST BE APPLIED IN THE SERVICE OF MANKIND.

President Emery R. Ranker again thrilled the conference with another fervent and choice sermon on the principles of love and righteousness by which God and sanctified man will and do operate for the blessing of the human family. Referring to passages from the D. and C., 131:6; 136:32; 88:118 and 109:7, he concluded, "It is essential, praiseworthy and noble that knowledge and learning be sought after and acquired. Knowledge is power in the sense that wood is fuel. . . . . Knowledge should be acquired but it is more praiseworthy, and more noble that it be applied by righteous principles and in the service of mankind than that it be acquired in the first place. . . . . Otherwise knowledge and learning serve but misery, want and death. . . . A cultivated mind should produce a cultivated soul, a contrite heart and a humble spirit, and a love of God and our fellowman, else education were a farce having but produced a clever fool."

THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

Elder Gerrit de Jong, dean of the school of fine arts, BYU, Provo, Utah, delivered an inspired address on the theme of "the Gospel in action," well illustrated, and spoken in great clearness and animation which aided to the enjoyment and force of his remarks. He is the chairman, Gospel Doctrine Department of the General Board of the Deseret Sunday School Union, and as such is the man responsible for the current manual, "The Gospel in Action," used in the Gospel Doctrine class-s of the Church, a manual which has been subject to some criticism. This has come from not understanding the intent of the thought behind the lessons, and from the use of the lecture method of teaching.

In reality, it is only as the saints have put the Gospel in action in their lives that its principles can be said to be effective and of any value to humanity. Hence the propriety of biographies of our people in all walks of life, showing in action first this and then another major principle of the Gospel vital in human development.

Lack of space makes it impossible to report the many excellent and inspiring things that were taught at the conference by the other choice talks.

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Dimond Ward

By ILA M. RUSSON.

Of special interest to all are the recent changes in Dimond ward's leaders in several departments. Released from his position as counselor to Bishop Smith with a vote of heartfelt thanks and a realization of the splendid work he has done, Wendell T. Jackson leaves us to move to Walnut Creek into a brand new home, and though we will all miss him and Marge, we know that our loss is a real gain for their new ward. Right next door to the Jacksons live the Bob Smiths, who also recenly moved into their new home.

Filling the vacancy in the Bishopric is Brother Clyde A. Russell, whom we all know has served long and faithfully in our ward. We know him to be a very capable choice and he deserves our co-operation and support in every way.

There is going to be some new faces in our Mutual, also. Al Heiner, John Spuhler, John Morgan and Jay Robinson of the YMMIA have been released after having worked very hard and completed a successful year. In their places this year will be Gene Russon as superintendent and Dean Hawkley and John Kai as his counselors. Thad Van Noy will be their secretary. In the YMMIA, replacing last year's capable team of Sisters Brossard, Stella Hoopes, Ruth Swanson and Joyce Bennet will be Leanora Barber as president and Hazel Allen and Lottie Smith as counselors. Sidney Lewis Hinman will be their secretary and Vernell Torgersen attendance secretary. Our thanks to the outgoing officers and our congratulations and a wish for good luck to our new ones.

Bonnie Jean Perkins, daughter of the Anson Perkins, and Charles M. Hill of Berkeley First Ward, held their lovely wedding reception in the LDS Institute in Berkeley, Friday, August 12. The young couple are honeymooning at destination unknown and plan to live here on their return.

John Hilton, son of Patriarch and Sister Hilton, took the former Jan Fenn as his bride in the Mesa Temple on August 7. He and Jan then went to Gallup, New Mexico, which is her home where a reception was held in their honor. The young marrieds spent part of their honeymoon at Clear Lake in the Hilson's new cabin. They are going to be with us here for a few more weeks before going to Provo to school where both will be students.

Now calling themselves by their titles of rank are Lt. and Mrs. Dee Bates, Lt. Gene Humphries of the Marine Air Corps, and Lt. Al Donnelley of the Naval Air Corps. Gene and Dee are stationed down in El Toro, California, and Al is stationed at San Diego. Dimond ward surely misses these familiar faces and hopes they'll be back soon.

Home for a short leave from the Army is Roland Daniels, son of the Ray Daniels. It's very nice to have you home for a while, Roland.

Carmen Stephens has received her call to the New England mission and is due to report to the mission home in Salt Lake October 2. Brother and Sister Stephens will then have two children on missions. Keith, as you remember, is in the Great Lakes Mission and doing very well.

2500 See Pageant Of Hawaiian Mission

At Honolulu 2500 persons witnessed the first performance of the pageant depicting a century of progress in the LDS Hawaiian Mission of the Church, held August 16, 1950. With a cast of over 600 the pageant was beautifully presented in the bowl of the University of Hawaii.

President George Albert Smith attended. He said "It is our responsibility to share the Gospel with all of God's children. The world is in turmoil, and the Lord will magnify and bless you if you do your part."

LIAHONA CLUB

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is a sandy loam that dries quickly after storms, and the site is covered for the most part by a stately stand of timber. Liahona Lodge will nestle near the edge of the timbered area and facing the clearing. A smaller stream, now named Liahona Creek, runs thru the property, and will be piped from near its source to the Lodge and cabin sites. An area has also been marked, for the future erection, of a boys' lodge and a girls' lodge.

Announcement was made that 1000 feet of two-inch pipe had been purchased from Brother Eli B. Ferguson of San Leandro who had made a very attractive price to the club and had donated the use of his truck for delivery of the pipe at the campsite. Bishop Elmo Smith was recognized as instrumental in securing the offer of this pipe which is just what the architect felt is adequate.

President Ericksen announced that before the meeting 1200 had been pledged in cash and labor for building the Lodge, and displayed the "Honor Scroll" that contained the wording of the pledges and the amounts besides the signatures. On request of the members this "Honor Scroll" was passed among the tables, with the result that $4000 was pledged, representing everyone of the nearly 40 members present.

President Delbert F. Wright gave the address of the evening, and highly endorsed the project. Present were Rhea Gustaveson, representing the Oakland YLMIA; Herbert Massey, representing the Berkeley YMMIA; Wanda Hilton, representing the YLMIA of Berkeley stake; Douglas Swanson, president of the Oakland stake YM MIA, and Wayne E. Mayhew, representing Berkeley stake presidency. All these spoke, and commended the objectives of the Liahona Lodge and campsite, and forsaw in it great progress in the MIA summer programs for the young people of the two stakes.

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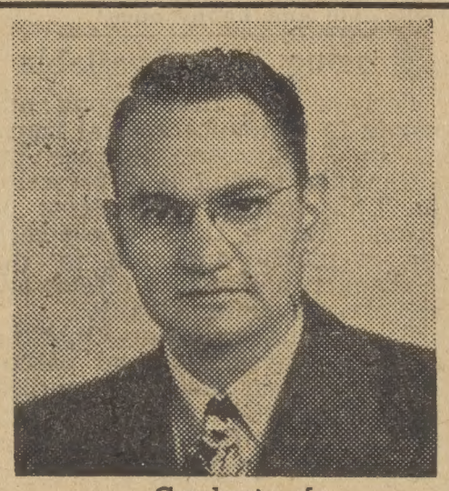

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Oak. Stake News

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fare festival, bazaar and carnival to be held October 7 at the stake Welfare Center, 98th and Gould streets. Rufus Phelps is chairman; Albert Heiner, assistant, and Herb Van Noy and Thys Winkel are members of the committee representing the stake high council. The purpose of the affair is welfare funds.

RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

We are sending our best wishes with the Briscoe family who are moving to Santa Rosa. Delia Bates is replacing Maude Briscoe as work director and counselor to Hilda Perkins.

Our fourth electric sewing machine is now in use at the Welfare Center. Our quota of twelve dozen pairs of men's trousers will have been completed when this goes to press. Melva Rainey has done excellently in supervising this work for which her past experience has equipped her. We thank her.

A Relief Society bi-stake convention for Oakland and Berkeley stakes will be held September 11 in the new Alameda chapel, Grand and Encinal avenues. All RS officers, teachers and members are urged to attend the Relief Society convention in Salt Lake City the latter part of September. Watch church papers for the exact dates.

A delightful party of the six wards of the stake was held at Mosswood park honoring visiting teachers. Gertrude Lesser decorated the tables, while Marie Lindsay was chairman of the luncheon. Thanks to them. Fifty ladies attended.

EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT WORK PROMISING

Donald D. Davis in charge of employment placement work for the General Welfare committee writes the editor of the Messenger complimenting him on the emphasis given this work in a late issue of the paper. He adds, "This work is one of the greatest potential sources of helpfulness to our people."

Congratulations to the Oakland ward softball team. They won in the stake and then they won over Berkeley and San Francisco stakes but lost to Homestead ward, Sacramento stake. Our team was composed of Peter W. Easton, manager; Wilford P. Easton, Frank Olson, Henry Behman, Ernest Adams, Dick Hatfield, Eugene Nickolette, Dave McLelland, Kenneth Moses, Dan Fernstn, Fred Lunberg, Syd Nenry, Donald Cochran and Val Moore.

Mrs Elizabeth S. Johnson, wife of Louis L. Johnson, and former member of the Oakland ward, died of a heart attack while attending a family reunion in Salt Lake City where she and her She was the mother of eight living sons and four daughters, including Louis L. Johnson of Oakland ward, and Lucy Thompson of Richmond ward. The family was always active in the affairs of the Church. She was 48 at the time of death.

Business Notes

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wife declares that they covered our kitchen with the best job of new linoleum she ever hoped to enjoy and she's plenty 'fussy,' people say, about her home.

Dr. Kenneth R. Krey, dentist who lives in Maxwell Park ward, has his office near 41 street and Telegraph, while at 4243 Telegraph you'll find a rustling realty office, the Morgan Realty Company. That makes five of our people in business within two blocks of one another.

Over on Broadway at 4336, across from Tech H. S., one sees "The Model Craft Hobby Shop," run by Chet Wilson, and a lot of interest and help from the wife. Chet says that more people can now enjoy the hobby of model trains, for instance, because the stiff competition has brought the prices down a lot.

Dr. Ed A. Ogden at 3445 San Pablo in Oakland has just had an interior decoration job done at his office See the soft tinys he has selected in order to realize that chiropractors do seems to have good artistic sense also. The doctor's son, Rulon, is busy at the Chiropractic college in S. F. However, Rulon, who wasn't going to marry for two or three years, wed Lynna Farnsworth in the Salt Lake Temple the 14th of August.

Peter W. Easton of the Oak. stake H. P. presidency and realtor down at 5520 Shatuck avenue, in Oakland, seems about to gain powerful reinforcement in his sales force, we hear. In other words, his efficient office lady, his wife, is to become a realtor in her own right. Wonder if she will "show up" the boss in the game of getting signatures on the dotted line.

Richard A. Allphin, our Maxwell Park optometrist, reports that his wife Betty's parents have been visiting them from Pocatello, Idaho, where her father, John W. Tousley, is a R. R. telegrapher. Richard and Betty first met when Betty came down from Pocatello to pay a visit to her aunt, then Alice Cragun, living then in M. P. ward.

Brother Jonathan, the gentle spirited proprietor of the Healthatorium on Piedmont street in Oakland, is demonstrating that his physical culture "stuff" is no mere polite parlor polish. Those who see him weekly in action at the Oakland Auditorium wrestling bouts say that in the squared areana he's clever but 'awful' tough. We learn that his son is ready to go in there with his dad on the nights when they put on that Australian style of wrestling where two teams of two men each go at it at once. Oooo-my.

R. W. McAllister, proprietor of the really new and classy typewriter and adding machine center at the corner of 21st Broadway says he has some vivid memories of what the last war did to his type of business. Already adding machines are hard to get and the prices up; typewriters still are plentifhl and the prices are still only at the rumor stage for increases.

The Low Cost Drug store at University and Shattuck continues to look like the busiest big store in Berkeley. That rotating overhead root beer stand sign gives one the clue to this multi-departmental store: it's like a three ring circus, only one feels that he ought to call it ten rings. Latest adition is the low temperature serve-yourself display of dairy products, soft drinks in pints and quarts, and ice cream.

Bonie Shields, the ballet, acrobatic, and tap dance studio member of Oakland ward has let it be known that she is perfectly willing to put on shows for ward events entirely free of charge as far as she is concerned. However there is a small item, $2.00 for the pianist, one trained for just this work. Those who have seen the skill and loveliness of these dance numbers will not forget them, it is said.

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood, after they had enjoyed the temple caravan—left David, their missionary son, in the Mission home in Salt Lake City. Then they vacationed in Bryce and Zion's National Parks, and the Grand Canyon. David sailed July 15 on the S. S. America and has arrived in Berlin to begin his labors in East Berlin.

Curtis Millward of Millward Brothers, College avenue, Berkeley, grocers, told us that his fine son, Franklin Curtis, who enlisted some months ago in the armed services and had his basic training in Texas and has been in Detroit since then, sailed for Korea in the air corp August 3. Curt and Sister Millward had just time to take dinner with him the evening before sailing.

● The David H. Fuhriman family consisting of Ma and Pa (David and Maurine the Oakland Realtor and the three children, just returned fro a most glorious vacation trip. We spent three weeks touring the Canadian Rockies. Drove up the coast and took the boat to Victoria, B. C. a couple of days; then by boat to Vancouver B. C.; drove to Lake Louise, Banff, Jasper National Park; down through Glacier National Park and Yellowstone Park; and through Utah and home to Oakland again.

Elmhurst Ward

ZELNORA B. EVANS

Bishopric's Message

The bishopric of Elmhurst ward wish to commend our members for the splendid cooperation in the past months. The welfare work has shown marked interest as well as the ward teaching and many other improvements.

September now brings us back into full activity, tackling our jobs with renewed energy. We would like to counsel our brothers and sisters in this very critical hour, to remember the Lord in prayer and to be faithful and diligent in keeping His commandments, that you might be prepared. Great joy will be yours. That God may bless you with every blessing you stand in need of is the sincere prayer of your brethern in the bishopric.

Truman Nethercott,
Colonel R. Vause,
Leonard J. Phister.

Can't you just hear the cry, "Hurrah hurrah, back to school!" That means back to Mutual, back to Relief Society and back to Primary.

Primary started September 6. Exceptional teachers have been selected as well as splendid material. Parents, cooperate with us; give your children an opportunity for advancement, plan together for transportation to Primary. A stake children's festival will be held at Arroya Viejo park October 23. Elmhurst has a goodly portion of the program.

The Elmhurst and Maxwell Park MIA sponsored a very enjoyable fireside supper at the Fire Circle in Josquin Miller park.

The MIA officers gave a party for the outgoing officers. Clever games were played, refreshments were served and a gift was presented to Sister Charm Vause for a new baby.

The Scouts enjoyed a week at Diamond-O camp at Mather, Calif. The boys hiked, swam, camped, practiced woodcraft scoutcraft, etc. Melvin Darton, assistant scoutmaster, and Jack Stock, Sr., patrol leader, spent a week in Niwolk training for junior leaaders. There will be a camporee at Los Mochas for all the District 20 troops. The boys will compete for scouting skill honors. Elmhurst troop is second in rank.

Scoutmaster Earl Schleth is planning an overnight camping trip the 25th or 26th of September. The boys will plan their own menues, buy their own food and cook it. A court of honor is expected to be held in the near future. Elmhurst is proud to have five boys working for the Eagle Scout merit badges as well as the Scoutmaster Earl Schleth, himself. We wish you luck.

Jean Dutson is to be married to Duan Fitch September 16 in the Little Chapel of the Flowers. Jessie Stock and Barbara Higdon gave her a shower August 30.

Ellen Tanner was married August 15 in the Manti temple to Lee Daniels; a reception was held August 25 in Elmhurst chapel.

The Glenn Shaw home was scene of a baby shower for Charm Vause on September 6

The High Priests Quorum, under Bro. Stanfield, have pledged $100 in merchandise for the fall festival at the Welfare Center October 7. We understand the Seventies have also done this for that occasion.

The High Priests have been most considerate in seeing that the older and disabled people of the ward have transportation to meetings and entertainments. They are also meeting in groups with the sick to give comfort and aid. A most worthy gesture.

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Having served as bishop of Santa Monica ward, he soon became active in Church affairs in the San Jose stake where he made his residence, serving as counselor to the last two stake presidents, and becoming president of the stake in April, 1950.

He says, "The Gospel has been a very great blessing, and I have never suffered any loss or disadvantage as a result of the many days and hours required of me to be active in the Church. . . . I have discovered that many business men are constantly looking for returned missionaries to train and develop into important positions."

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However, that depends on the individual ward members and the continued cooperation and support they are willing to give. Many of our men deserve a great deal of credit for they have been at the Church almost every night for the past several weeks. Surely they must be gaining a personal satisfaction and enjoyment else they wouldn't be so faithful and, of course, they have the sincere thanks of the iBshopric. AND THE LADIES HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL!

The dinners served each evening have been the means of adding many man-hours to the remodeling program. And now ladies, we will soon be called on for a different kind of help—the finishing touches.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW—we hope!!

The Stake Mutuals joined with us this past month in a roller skating party. Everyone appeared to have a most enjoyable time—and no casualties.

The many friends of Reid and Ruby Lesser will be surprised, perhaps, to know that they are leaving shortly to make their home in Salt Lake City. Bro. Lesser has been our Sunday School superintendent for the past many months and will be greatly missed in the ward together with his wife, who is always so willing to help in any way, whenever asked We understand, however, that this move is much to their advantage and wish them the very best of good wishes.

Mr. Stork has been more than generous with his baby girls during the past few weeks. He has visited the homes of Sam and Barbara Eccles, Elton and Maxine Flaner and Harvey and Lola Hansen. Congratulations to all.

Note: If this news reads as tho it should have been in the August Messenger, the editor says, "Pardon us, you're right."

Oakland Ward

BERNADINE ADAMS

Oakland ward is the only ward in the stake that has now completed its sewing budget for the stake welfare. Thank you, industrious ladies.

Having had six weeks of enjoyment with their relatives in Hawaii, Rita Kaleikau and her daughter, Estrella Olszowka are again home. Welcome.

Maren Jefferies is the name of the baby girl that came to Lucille and Martin August 15, weighing in at 8 lbs., 4 oz. Lois Hagan and William Butler exchanged wedding vows August 25. President Wright married them in his home The justweds will reside in Oakland where Lois is very active in our ward MIA. Happiness to the Butlers!

We regret to announce the passing of one of our early ward veterans—Bro. George Haddock. He was the father of our Jess Haddock, former ward clerk. Having served as bishop fourteen years in Idaho before coming to Oakland, filling two missions abroad, and serving on the first Oakland stake High Council. George Haddock lived to a ripe old age and passed full of honor. We shall miss him.

Our Aaronic Priesthood has received the gold award cup three times, and now are to have the boys' names inscribed upon the cup. Congratulations, boys!

After an operation and a long siege of illness, Frances Lundberg Mayo is back again with us again in our ward MIA drama. All are happy at her recovery.

Congratulations to the Oakland ward softball team. They won in the stake and then they won over Berkeley and San Francisco stakes but lost to omestead ward, Sacramento stake. Our team was composed of Peter W. Easton manager; Wilford P. Easton, Frank Olson, enry Behman, Ernest Adams, Dick atfield, Eugene Nickolette, Dave McLelland, Kenneth Moses, Dan Fernstn, Fred Lundberg, Syd enry, Donald Cochran and Val Moore.

Martinez Ward

A pleasant surprise greeted Martinez ward members when they viewed the recent progress on the additional ward building. The building has been painted light green and it looks as though it will soon be completed.

On August 1 everyone was pleased to see the chapel and the recreation hall filled for Sacrament meeting. Bishop Wayne McIntire and his wife Edith were the speakers. After the meeting a farewell reception in honor of them was given. A contribution of one hundred dollars was sent to the LDS Children's hospital in Salt Lake City in the name of Bro. and Sister McIntire from the ward members. They were presented with one of President Grant's mounted silver dollars as a token of this contribution. Bro Owen Cook made the presentation; a quartet consisting of Sisters Natalie Sant, Gertha Brown, Lenore Whitwer, and Wilma Lee sang. Refreshments were served by the Primary officers and teachrs.

Good news came from Pocatello, Idaho, where it was learned Bro. and Sister Elton Felt had recently adopted a baby boy, their first child. Brother Felt was the former ward clerk in Martinez ward

Scandinavian costumes and folk dancing were the center of attraction August 31, as summer primary closed with a festival. The Homebuliders were dressed in peasant skirts and blouses, and scarfs and aprons they had made in Primary. The children's crafts were shown to the parents, and entertainment was provided them while they ate from the dessert smorgasbord.

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Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY

It is prune-picking time in Napa ward. Five o'clock every morning for the past few weeks has found many members out in the orchard on their hands and knees picking up prunes. Rex Candland, in charge, has done a marvelous job and appreciates all who have cooperated in the work.

Work on Madge Olive's home is progressing nicely. Congratulations to Sister Olive on the arrival of her new son, Thomas Lynn.

The Forest Kingsfords warmly welcomed a little daughter.

We are happy about the baptism of Sister Leona Mendonca who was confirmed on Fast Sunday. We pray for the choicest blessings of the Lord to be with her and her husband.

Napa ward is very happy to have sent out their third missionary—Laura Marie Nightwine, who will labor in the Eastern States Mission. The Fireside group gave a personal shower for her and she was honored with a pleasant Farewell. We are going to miss Marie and her wonderful piano selections, but we send with her all our best wishes for a most happy and successful mission, and we know she will do an outstanding work.

Excellent reports are coming to us from Elder Paul Murdock and Elder Robert DeLonzor.

We are losing another of our young ladies from the ward. Mary Ann Murdock was married to Robert Mendenhall in the Salt Lake temple September 8, and will make her home in Utah. Mary Ann is the only daughter of John and Helen Murdock.

The Raymond Dows are settled in their new home on Fourth avenue. They were married here by Bishop Reed Keller, then were sealed in the Idaho Falls temple. Congratulations to them and also to Betty Lou Olive and Lee Francom who were wed during the month.

It seems like old times to have Brother and Sister Mike Ferrette sitting in church again. They have returned to our ward after an absence of several years.

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Maxwell Pk. Ward

Now that vacation is over and school about to begin, we welcome back all you vacationers and hope all had a happy time and are ready to put your heart and soul into church work and all its many activities. The Lord will bless those who help to do His work here on earth.

The many friends of Sister Gertrude Wood will be happy to know that she is now at her home in Dunsmuir, Calif., having spent a long time in the hospital after being hit by a car. We have all remembered "Woodsie" in our prayers and now, let's all send her cheery cards or letters and tell her how glad we are she is improving

Everyone who was at Sunday school August 27, was thrilled to hear Edith Booth Procter render a lovely vocal solo. It brought back memories of when Edith lived in our ward and we often heard her sing. Edith and Francis and their three lovely daughters, Francine, Carol and Linda, have been visiting the Grant Hawkins family for two weeks this summer.

Wedding bells are ringing for Deaun Moody and Cliff Lewis, who were married at the Chapel of the Chimes August 29. Dee has been the honoree at several lovely showers. A beautiful reception was held in honor of the couple at the home of the bride's parents. Congratulations and best wishes to Dee and Cliff.

New officers in the ward: Betty Allphin was sustained as new Primary president and a vote of thanks given for the outstanding work done by Sister Vera Bodily. We know Betty will carry on the Primary work in the same wonderful spirit. Betty is the wife of our first counselor in the bishopric, and the mother of two lovely daughters. We hope she will be happy in her new work.

The Sunday school is very fortunate in having as their new second assistant, Raymond Karpus. We know we will gain much under his leadership and we hope he will enjoy working in our ward. He is a son-in-law to I. B. Ball of Berkeley.

If you haven't your building fund bank as yet, come to church and get one. We hope on the night of December 12, all the "tin cans" will be full to the top, and some lucky family will win a prize for the best slogan or picture to carry out the theme of the building fund bank.

Alameda Ward

A gala MIA dance was held Friday, September 5. Mutual classes will resume September 12. Everyone is invited to attend Those who come are sure to enjoy the outlined programs.

Alvin Barlow has been released as S. S. superintendent, and is now serving as first counselor in the bishopric. Charles Stamps, just released from the bishopric, is now genealogical chairman. Alma Thompson is now serving as S. S. superintendent. His counselors are Arnold Smedley and Kalmar Porter.

Jerry Crandall will soon take his place as the third active missionary from Alameda ward. Jerry will serve in Canada. It looks as tho we lose another scoutmaster. Gordon L. Christensen left recently for Wake Island on business for the Pan-American Airways.

Visiting the Gustaveson family recently was Pres. Alex F. Dunn of Tooele stake, Utah. With him were his wife and daughter, and two sons, one of whom has just returned from the British Mission. The other son, a student at BYU, recently returned from a basketball tour in South South America.

We are glad to report that Rae Stamps is doing well after her late operation.

Many Alameda ward members say they never want to see a turkey again after spending the whole day, August 19, canning 66 of them; but they will probably enjoy eating them later.

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BISHOPRIC'S MESSAGE

The finishing of our chapel is now nearing completion. The benches (or pews) are now in the process of being built. They are being fabricated under the direction of Bro. Cornelius Paine. When they are finished and installed the only remaining work to be done is the installation of the carpeting. By that time it is hoped that the drapes will be finished and installed. This work is now being done under the direction of Sister Sarah Johnston. Our chapel will then be ready for dedication, provided the necessary finances are provided by the members of the ward. The chapel cannot be dedicated until all debt on the same is cancelled. A plan for raising finances is now in the formative stage and will shortly be presented to the membership of the ward.

On account of the removal of Wm. and Edythe Rosenkrans to Salt Lake City leaving vacant his place as counselor in the bishopric the bishopric has been reorganized and Ralph Smith again called to serve as a counselor. We shall miss the Rosenkrans very much, but we also welcome back Elder Smith with much joy.

July 24 a baby boy was born to Lyndal Goddard, thus making five grandchildren for Floyd and Eva Loomis.

Our traveling missionaries had the privilege of baptizing Arthur Robert Ickels. Four children also were baptized. Five babies blessed. The war in Korea is beginning to take its toll in our ward. August 3 Terry Caperton enlisted in the army and is now at Fort Ord. August 18 Robert Ray, lately discharged after nearly six years in the service, was recalled.

The MIA was host at an excellent watermelon bust at the Memorial park——August 18 the fathers and sons outing was held at Big Basin. The few who attended had a great time, we learn.

Several of our young boys were advanced in the priesthood, being Lowell and Weldon Stout, John Starkweather and John Monte.

Elder Asa Cox has been in the Veterans' hospital in Oakland, suffering from a bad case of pneumonia.——We learn that Irene Rencher had a bone slip in her back and has been in the Hoffman's Rest Home on Prospect avenue for the past two weeks. Both these members are doing well.

It was Mrs. Westover who reminded us: "Good things are like teetertotters; you have to keep giving in order to keep receiving"

New President of the California Mission

Appointment of David I. Stoddard of Laguna Beach, Calif., as president of the California Mission was made in August, 1950. He succeeds Oscar W. McConkie, who has presided for the past four years.

Elder Stoddard has served as president of the Northwestern States Mission, and as president of the Union Stake (Oregon), where he managed a large lumber company, and later became president of a bank at LaGrande.

Elder In Montevideo, Uruguay Enjoys Messenger

Elder Sheldon L. Nicolaysen of Modesto ward, San Joaquin stake, now in Uruguay, in a recent letter to Brother and Sister Stanley F. Patton of Berkeley First ward, says:

"A few weeks ago I saw a copy of the Messenger and was pleased to find quite a bit of news from San Joaquin stake. That little paper is really a credit to the two stakes and he workers responsible for it.

"I do not see Elder Rock as often as I should like to. Elder Ogden gave me these copies. Again, congratulations to the Messenger."

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Rodeo Branch

MARJORIE Y. NELSON

The desert town or Oasis, Utah, first showed the light of day to O. Martel Pedersen on September 29, 1924. He was the second of five children born to Fawn C. and Herman Pedersen who met in the Northeastern States LDS Mission some 30 years ago.

It is believed that Martel had a rather normal childhood with great and equal portions of bumps, cuts, bruises and curiosities. By the time he entered junior high school his family had located in Tooele, Utah, where they still reside. After the beginning of World War II he, like many high school boys, fairly "itched" to get into the service, and so enlisted in the U. S. Navy immediately after graduation. Three years later he was just as anxious to be separated from the navy.

On May 20, 1946, Martel married Lael Ottlem of Salt Lake City in the temple of the Lord, and they made their first home in Provo, Utah. Bro. Pedersen attended the BYU for 1 1/2 years. They moved to Rodeo in August of 1947 to manage a theatre for Bishop Thys Winkel of Alameda ward. Martel was active in the Vallejo and later Carquinez wards in the Elders' Quorum, MIA, and Sunday School.

Shortly following the organization of the branch here in Rodeo, Bro. Pedersen was sustained Sunday School superintendent, in which capacity he still serves. However in the very near future the Pedersens and their little daughter, Kay Ellen, will return to Utah. They sincerely regret leaving their many friends here, and will always appreciatie having lived among the saints in the bay area.

We were happy to witness the baptism and confirmation of two new members of the Church in our Branch this month—Sisters Frances and Martha McKay. These good sisters are the mother and sister, respectfully, of Betty, Bill, Lloyd and Rina who are known to many here and are active members.

Relief Society work day was conducted by Sister Elsie Smith this month in the absence of the presidency. Sisters Fitt and Elizabeth Bullock were hospitalized that day for surgery, but we are happy to report that both ladies are well on the way to recovery now.

Sister Geneva Wanlass has vacationed at Russian River with her daughters, Margene, Dorothy and Geraldine.

A good day's work was done recently repairing blocks for a quilt and making tea towels for a forthcoming bazaar.

Sixteen of our teenagers answered a call for youth to help label cans at the Stake Wellfare Center on August 10. They are an enthusiaistic group and appreciate such opportunities to associaite together in all activities of the Church and Church groups.

The Primary Association provided a delightful program the first Sunday evening of this month, under the direction of Sister Florence Wanlass. Her councillors and teachers are working valliantly with her to keep the organization growing and the children of the Branch are successful examples of their efforts. They held a bake sale to aid finances August 19 and performed a summer festival around the Indian theme at the monthly Branch social.

The newest member of the Branch to date is the little daughter of Larraine Wanlass and Andy Laird. She was born August 15, weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs., and will be named Michelle Ann. Congratulations to the proud parents and a loving welcome baby.

We were very happy with the response of our members to the "short notice" call to the Stake cannery August 10 and wish to extend a special thanks to the brother who kept us so well supplied with w-a-t-e-r!

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GREAT BOOK REVIEWED

Pearl of Great Price Commentary by Dr. Milton R. Hunter.

A partial review of Dr. Milton R. Hunter's new volume, "Pearl of Great Price Commentary," was presented in the February 1949 issue of The Messenger. In this concluding installment much light of truth appears which may be new to many persons. The little taste of the sweetness of the Gospel truths briefly sketched in this book review, may lead readers who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness to put first things first and make this glorious volume a part of their spiritual dietary, and even to read it aloud in proper family groups. With heart touched with the divine Spirit emanating from "The Pearl of Great Price Commentary," our thanks go out to Elder Hunter for the reverent, thorough elucidation his volume brings.—I.B.B.

EVE'S CREATION SYMBOLIC

In chapter 22 of "Pearl of Great Price Commentary," we read, "The Church looks upon the story of the creation of woman (from one of the ribs of Adam) as symbolizing the unity of man and woman under the holy convenent of celestial marriage. The man was appointed by the Lord to be the head of the household; hence the symbolism of the creation of Eve from Adam's rib and his statement that woman was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.

"It is God's plan and purpose that young men and young women should do their courting on a pure, spiritual plane, and fall in love with each other. Then they should enter one of the temples of the Most High, and there in a beautiful ceremony which was ordained of God be pronounced husband and wife not only for life but for eternity.

"And it is the will of the Lord that following the marriage ceremony the husband and wife shall continue to love each other so devotedly, live and sacrifice for each other so completely, think and act so much alike, and be in harmony with each other so perfectly that they would become as one in thoughts, in purposes and in all their activities. In this way the husband and wife would become one flesh. Divorce would be impossible if they lived completely in harmony with the eternal plan of God."

ENOCH AND THE CITY OF ZION

One of the most inspiring chapters, 26, deals with Enoch and the city of Zion. The humility of Enoch was beautiful when the call came by the voice out of heaven to prophecy unto the people: "And when Enoch heard these words, he bowed himself to the earth, and spake unto the Lord, saying, Why is it that I have found favor in thy sight, and am but a lad, and all the people hate me, for I am slow of speech.

And the Lord said unto Enoch, Go forth and do as I have commanded thee—open thy mouth, and it shall be filled, and I will give thee utterance. Behold my Spirit is upon you, wherefore all thy words will I justify; and the mountains shall flee before you, and the rivers shall turn from their courses; and thou shall abide in me, and I in you. therefor walk with me."

These words of the Lord were gloriously fulfilled. Enoch's preaching was with great power: "And so great was the faith of Enoch that he led the people to God, and their enemies came to battle against them. And he spake the word of the Lord, and the earth trembled, and the mountains fled, even according to his command; and the rivers of water were turned out of their course—and all nations feared greatly, so powerful was the word of Enoch, and so great was the power of the language which God had given him." Enoch, we learn from the Prophet Joseph, received the priesthood directly from the hands of Adam. D. & C. 107:53.

GIANTS IN THE LAND

"And there were giants in the land in those days" is stated in both Genesis (6:4) and in the Book of Moses (8:18). Dr. Hunter in chapter 26 quotes Science Digest of 1944. "At last science has proved what it long suspected—that those fairy tale giants really and truly did exist, 'once upon a time' — Gigantopithecus, whose early existence was recently reported by Dr. Franz Weidenreich of the New York Museum of **Natural History, who averaged seven to nine feet tall, weighed 500 to 600 pounds, and had teeth six times the size of modern man's** and twice that of a gorilla." Furthermore even today at Ruanda in the Belgium Congo there lives a group of people who are large in stature, averaging approximately seven feet in height. (page 183).

NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT

Perhaps the climactic gift of God to Abraham is the fact that he was given the New and Everlasting Covenant. The Book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price favors us with more details of this blessing than any other scripture.

"Now after the Lord had withdrawn from speaking to me—I said in my heart: Thy servant has sought thee earnestly; now I have found thee—and I will do well to hearken unto thy voice. . . ."

The New and Everlasting Covenant is thus phrased in the Book of Abraham, "I will bless thee above measure, and make thy name great among all nations, and thou shalt be a blessing unto thy seed after thee, and in their hands they may bear this ministry and priesthood unto all nations—and in thee (that is in thy priesthood) and in thy seed (that is in thy priesthood) for I give unto thee a promise that this right shall continue in thee, and in thy seed after thee (that is to say, the literal seed, or the seed of thy body) shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the **Blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of eternal life." Ab. 2:6, 9-11.**

INSPIRED OR REVISED VERSION OF BIBLE

Some new light is shed upon the "Inspired version of the Scriptures" by Doctor Hunter in chapter 32. The Pearl of Great Price contains "an extract from a translation of the Bible, being the 24th chapter of Matthew." Joseph Fielding Smith is quoted as writing in the "Church History and Modern Revelation" series two, being the Study Guide now being used by the Melchizedek priesthood in their study of Vol. II, History of the Church, pages 14 and 15, regarding the "Revised Version."

"This work is generally referred to in the Prophet's writings as a translation, but inasmuch as the Prophet did not have before him copies of the ancient scriptures and relied upon the revelations of the Lord for the corrections and additions which were made, it is more properly a revision.

"It has been thought by some that the Prophet went through the Bible beginning with the first chapter of Genesis and continued through to the book of Revelation, but this was not the case. He went through the Bible topic by topic, and revised as the spirit of the Lord indicated to him where changes and revisions should be made.

"There are many parts of the Bible that the Prophet did not touch because the Lord did not direct him to do so. Therefore there are many places in the Scriptures where errors still are found. This work was never fully completed, but the Prophet did as much as the Lord commanded him to do before the days of Nauvoo—On the second day of July, 1833, he finished the Scriptures as far as the Lord permitted him to go at that time.

"It was his intention to make other corrections in Nauvoo, but it seems that the Lord did not permit him to do so. Perhaps the reason for this is given in 3 Nephi, wherein the Lord forbade Mormon to write more than he has given us, because the people are not prepared to receive it."

Dr. Hunter tells us that in 1867 the Reorganized Church published the Prophet's manuscript containing the changes made. This is printed by them in Independence, Missouri, where copies may be obtained.

CANNONIZING THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

"The first mention that the author (Doctor Hunter) has found regarding a vote being taken by the entire Church to accept and sustain the teaching of this book as scripture is recorded in the semi-annual Conference report of the Church held in Salt Lake City, October 10, 1880. In that report the following appears:

'President George Q. Cannon said: I hold in my hands the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and also the book, The Pearl of Great Price, which books contain revelations of God. In Kirtland the Doctrine and Covenants in its original form, as first printed, was submitted to the officers of the Church and the members of the Church to vote upon.

'As there have been additions made to it by the publishing of revelations which were not contained in the original edition, it has been deemed wise to submit these books with their contents to the Conference to see whether the Conference will vote to accept the books and their contents as from God, and binding upon us as a people and as a Church.

'President Joseph F. Smith said, I move that we receive and accept the revelations contained in these books as revelations from God to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and to all the world.

'The motion was seconded and sustained by unanimous vote of the whole Conference.' "

Doctor Hunter concludes, "The Pearl of Great Price, therefore, is indeed one of the 'Holy Scriptures,' and one of the great books of the world—Some of the divine truths revealed in it are not to be found in any other scripture in the world, and can be rated among the most sublime doctrinal utterances ever made.

"Surely this great scripture is indeed, A Pearl of Great Price."

LDS Institute Reopens Redecorated

By NEIL CHRISTENSEN

University students returning to the LDS Institute in Berkeley find many new faces, a redecorated building and a new director. Roy Clovis of Berkeley ward did the contract work on the exterior decorating.

With Brother Lee Kenner coming from Tucson to be the director, everyone is awaiting the coming year with anticipation of many things to come. The four past years have certainly been memorable to all the students who have enjoyed the wonderful institute classes of Brother Boyd, and the religious and social life at the institute.

It appears that some who had planned to return to college will be in military service instead. For example, our president of last semester, Kenneth Schneider, is in the Marine reserve.

As soon as registration is completed at the university, our old institute students will go through the 23,000 cards in the U. C. registration files several times to gather the names and information on all LDS students attending the university. After checking and rechecking the files to make sure no one is missed, letters and invitations will be sent to all LDS students to come and enjoy the activities at the institute, as early in the school semester as possible.

We would like to invite newcomers to visit the institute as soon as they come to register at the university, Sept. 9-16.

To All LDS

Special Camera Class for MIA Members of Oakland-Berkeley Stakes

Class instructor: Edward A. Pyle, commercial photographer. and graduate of Art Center College, L. A. with equivelent of a M. A. Residence phone, AS 3-6381; business phone (days), LA 4-1224.

Class starts Thursday, Sept. 7, and every Thursday thereafter for 12 weeks in Berkeley ward chapel at corner of Walnut and Vine.

Applications may be made by postcard to Bro. Pyle, 1511 Josephine, Berkeley, or at the first meeting of the class.

Each meeting will be divided into three parts: (1) Beginners approach; (2) Illustrations, motion pictures. Demonstration and class participation; (3) Advanced group—techniques and demonstrations.

Bring to class the first night a notebook, pen or pencil and camera or cameras; also whatever material needed. No charge for class instruction.

Subject Matter by Weeks

September 7—Class introductions; objectives; meanings of words; the box camera; making better pictures; motion picture; Eastman kodak; highlights and shadows; group discussion of pictures and movie.

September 14—Light, the photographer's tool—what it can do and how to control it.

September 21—Home portraiture.

September 28—Introduction to home movies.

October 5—Beginners: Developing your own pictures.

October 12—Printing and enlarging.

October 19—Composition (very important).

October 26—Photographing people.

November 2—Exposure; the control of light.

November 9—Introduction to color.

November 16—Second class on movies. Subject presented by Pres. Harmon.

November 23—Thanksgiving. No classes.

November 30—Review, class show, color processing.

1000 FEET OF WATER PIPE LAID AT LIAHONA CAMPSITE

Saturday, September 2, 1950, is another pioneering day to be heartily recalled now and in future years in connection with the building of the Liahona Lodge at the Stanislaus campsitie of the Liahona Club of LDS Businessmen of the East Bay area.

And with that date the names of Sam Scott and Arthur L. Hopkins will be retold as the leaders of the working crew in the beginning labors of laying the 1000 feet of two-inch pipe leading from the head of Liahoma Creek to the Lodge site.

And with Sam and Arthur will be mentioned with honor Wally Scott and Floyd Howell who not only helped lay the pipe and fell trees but who drove the large truck and delivered the heavy pipe from the yard of E. K. Ferguson in San Leandro to the Liahona campsite ,over 180 miles of highway, the last sixty of it being canyon road twenty of which is beset with detours. The journey took from 6 p.m. to after midnight Friday, September 1. Also mentioned with equal honor for their willing and powerful aid will be David Yancy, son-in-law to Arthur Hopkins, and young Arthur (Buddy) Hopkins, the thirteen-year old son of Arthur, both of whom worked hard on the pipe laying, and the felling of from 30 to 40 trees which were felled in order to clear the ground for excavating work for the Lodge construction.

Honored also as the "mother" of the working crew on this historic occasion will be remembered the name of Sister Arthur L. Hopkins, who accompanied her husband and took along her three sons for the outing, Arthur (13), Tom (11), and Mark (3½). All these mentioned slept in the open on cots or in sleeping bags.

E. K. Ferguson will be remembered for his generosity in selling the two-inch pipe at half price to the Club, and who also secured from the Bryant Ford Agency in San Leandro the use of the tractor to pull his trailer carrying the heavy pipe.

Also sharing the honors of the occasion will be remembered the names of A. D. Ericksen, president of Liahona Club, who with his wife, his son Preston, and daughter, Almadean Fellers and her husband Sid Fellers arrived at the campsite Sunday morning, September 3, just in time to stage a prayer session by the group in thanks to the Lord for this auspicious beginning, the turning on of the water Sunday at the completion of the labors of Saturday and a little labor on Sunday morning.

Sunday afternoon three other LDS couples arrived at the campsite and rejoiced with the pioneering group in the accomplishments already made in the over-all master plan of turning the raw 15½ acres of mountain land into a finished Lodge and cabin-clustered recreation area for the club members, their friends, and the young people's organizations of the two east bay stakes. These three couples were Herb VanNoy and wife, (he a former club president), Rufus O. Phelps and wife, and Elmer Clark and wife.

New Bishop and New Branch President In Berkeley Stake

Two removals from their respective communities has caused the naming of two new presiding authorities, one in Martinez and the other in Fairfield Branch.

Wayne F. McIntire, the bishop of Martinez for several years past, is moving to Los Angeles where he becomes a professor of education in the Los Angeles City College of which our old friend, Howard McDonald, is president. As the new bishop of Martinez ward the stake presidency selected, and set apart Sunday, September 3, Raymond Fox Evenson, the former second counselor in the bishopric, with Owen Cook and Grant Shaw as counselors.

President Orlin T. Oliver is leaving the state of California. In his stead J. Alden Blaisdell has been selected as president of Fairfield Branch with Stuart Mitchell and Grant Bleazard as counselors. The change was effected Sunday, September 10, 1950.

Children Who Died in Infancy Need no Baptism Or Endowment Work

(This letter, dated February 4, 1949, explains itself.)

Alfred E. H. Cardwell
1700 Jaynes St.,
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Brother Cardwell:

"According to revelation given us in this dispensation, children who die in infancy, or before baptism, will arise in the celestial kingdom and will have no further need of the things required of the older ones here upon this earth. As we understand it, they will have no need of baptism, nor of temple endowments. All the covenants in these ordinances will be provided for them in the hereafter.

Cordially,
JOHN A. WIDTSOE."

BERKELEY STAKE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 1950

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., Stake family night; stake boards.
Friday, Sept. 15, 1:00 p.m. Stake Relief Society union meeting.
Saturday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.—Stake priesthood leadership meeting.

STAKE MIA FOURTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE

For Carquinez, Napa, Vallejo Wards; Fairfield Branch

Monday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.—Vallejo chapel.
Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.—Vallejo chapel.
Friday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.—Vallejo chapel. (Dance instructors only).

For the Martinez, Pittsburg and Walnut Creek Wards

Monday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.—Martinez ward chapel.
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.—Martinez chapel.
Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.—Martinez chapel. (Dance instructors only).

For Berkeley, Claremont, Richmond, E. Richmond Wds.

Monday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.—Berkeley ward chapel.
Thursday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.—LDS Institute (dance instructors only).
Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.—Berkeley chapel.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.—Stake boards family night.
Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.—M Men-Gleaner stake elections.
Friday, Oct. 6, 1:00 p.m.—Stake Relief Society union meeting.
Saturday, Oct. 7, 2:00 p.m.—Fathers and sons outing.
Sunday, Oct. 8—**Improvement Era campaign starts.**
Friday, Oct. 13—Lucky Clover dance.
Friday, Oct. 20—Special Interest party, Pittsburg.
Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.—Stake priesthood leadership meeting.

The dance section of the fourth annual Stake MIA Institute will be one of its outstanding features.

Another highlight of the Institute will be the series of demonstrations designed to graphically illustrate the important segments of the 1950-51 program. The demonstrations are also intended to furnish ideas and suggestions which may be used in the regular Mutual program.

Inspirational talks and advice from a member of the stake presidency and Mutual high council advisor will feature the opening sessions. It is anticipated that much sage advice of great value will be received from these inspired leaders.